

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP IF
Graham O'Donnell et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3696
Application No.: 09/691,175)	Examiner: CLEMENT B GRAHAM
Filed: October 19, 2000)	Confirmation No.: 7048
For: CREDIT CARD SYSTEM AND)	
METHOD)	
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**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF
CERTIFIED COPIES OF FOREIGN PRIORITY DOCUMENTS**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the Office acknowledge receipt of the certified copies of the foreign priority documents of the present application. The above-identified application was allowed on June 10, 2009.

The present application is a divisional application of 09/235,836 (the parent application), which was filed on January 22, 1999. The present application and the parent application each claim the benefit of foreign priority to Irish Application Nos.: S98 0458, which was filed on June 16, 1998, S98 0346, which was filed on May 7, 1998, and S98 0223, which was filed on March 25, 1998.

The Official Filing Receipt of the present application is submitted herewith as Attachment A. As evidenced in the Official Filing Receipt, the Office acknowledged Applicants' claim of foreign priority to the above-identified Irish applications. However, the Office has not yet acknowledged receipt of the certified copies of the foreign priority documents.

Certified copies of the above-identified Irish foreign priority documents were submitted in the parent application on November 2, 2000, under cover of a paper entitled "Claim for Convention Priority," a copy of which is submitted herewith as Attachment B.

In a Notice of Allowability issued by the Office on March 13, 2001 in connection with the parent application, the Office acknowledged receipt of the certified copies of the three Irish priority applications. A copy of the Notice of Allowability is submitted herewith as Attachment C.

Accordingly, in view of the documentary evidence submitted herewith, Applicants respectfully request that the Office acknowledge receipt in the present application of the certified copies of the foreign priority applications, since the certified copies were submitted in the parent application.

If there are any questions concerning this Request, Office personnel is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT A



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Continuing Data as Claimed by Applicant

THIS APPLICATION IS A DIV OF 09/235,836 01/22/1999
AND CLAIMS BENEFIT OF 60/099,614 09/09/1998
AND CLAIMS BENEFIT OF 60/098,175 08/26/1998
AND CLAIMS BENEFIT OF 60/092,500 07/13/1998

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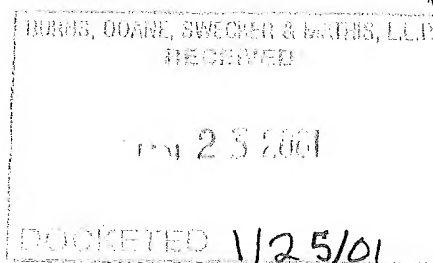
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Early Publication Request: No



ATTACHMENT B

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Daniel I. FLITCROFT et al.)
Application No.: 09/235,836)
Filed: January 22, 1999) Group Art Unit: 2764
For: CREDIT CARD SYSTEM AND) Examiner: M. Kemper
METHOD)

CLAIM FOR CONVENTION PRIORITY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The benefit of the filing date of the following prior foreign applications in the following foreign country is hereby requested, and the right of priority provided in 35 U.S.C. § 119 is hereby claimed:

Ireland Patent Application No. S980223
Filed: March 25, 1998

Ireland Patent Application No. S980346
Filed: May 7, 1998

Ireland Patent Application No. S980458
Filed: June 18, 1998

In support of this claim, enclosed are certified copies of said prior foreign applications. Said prior foreign applications were referred to in the oath or declaration. Acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copies is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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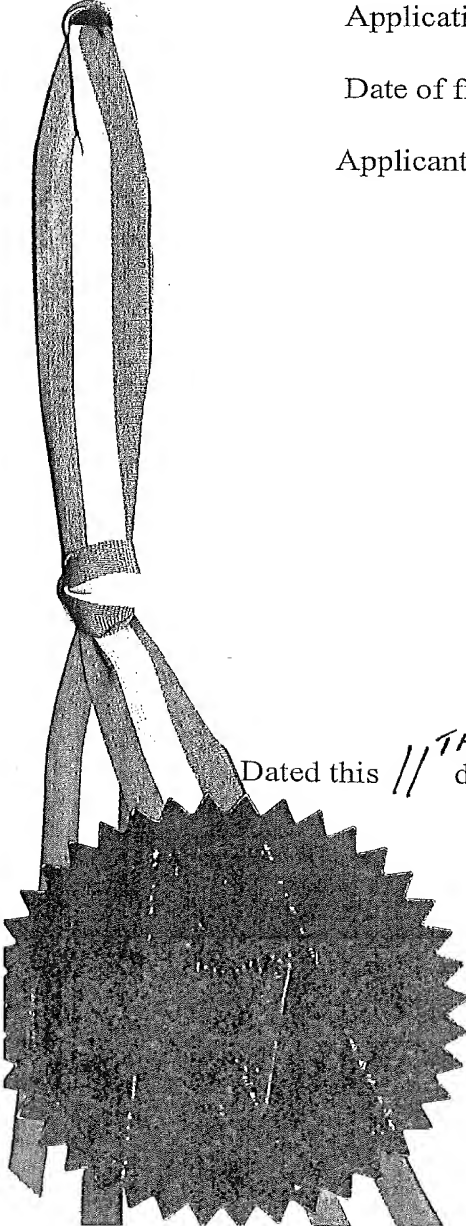
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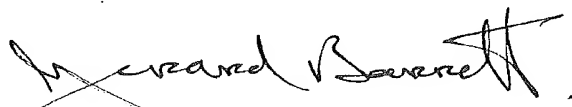
Application No. S980223

Date of filing 25 March 1998

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that annexed hereto is a true copy of documents filed in connection with the following patent application:

Application No. S980346

Date of Filing 7 May 1998

Applicant ORBIS PATENTS LIMITED, an Irish Company of
181 Howth Road, Dublin 3, Ireland.

Dated this 9 day of October, 2000.



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I HEREBY CERTIFY that annexed hereto is a true copy of documents filed in connection with the following patent application:

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ATTACHMENT C

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NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

- ☒ This communication is responsive to IDS filed up to 12/14/00
- ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 28-31
- ☒ The drawings filed on 11/2/00 are acceptable as formal drawings.
- ☒ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- ☒ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____
- ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

- ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE FOR SUBMITTING NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS, OR A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION. This three-month period for complying with the REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL is extendable under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- ☐ The attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

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